climbed over the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure and hoisted flags on the domes and some persons going for 'darshan' of the deities caused some damage to the outside of the outer wall of the structure. The damage was reported to be done through 'Trishuls' carried by these persons. Folloing this incident, the State Government tightened the security and regulatory measures. The Central Government's concern regarding the protection of the disputed structure has been brought to the notice of the State Government with the request that suitable arrangement be made for its safety. This matter was also discussed at length in the meeting of the National Integration Coucil held on 2-11-1991. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh gave a categorical assurance to the Council that the StateGovernment wouldhold itself full responsible for the protection of the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masji structure.

In 1990 also minor damge was caused to the structure on October, 30 when some persons hiosted flags on top of the structure after breaking through the police cardon.

ONGC drilling ship

1250. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Badrinath", a drilling ship of ONGC stationed in Bay of Bengal was caught in the cyclonic strom;

(b) if so, the details there of ; and

(c) what are the details of losses incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 'Badrinath' a drill ship contracted by ONGC came under the influence of cyclonic storm in Bay of Bengal from 13th to 15th November, 1991. The initial effoerts to evacuate the ONGC personnel on baord were not successful due to severe sea conditions, but on the 15th evening they could be rescued with the help of a hallcopter hired by ONGC. ONGC have initiated action to provide safety messures on the rig to avoid any major disaster in such situations.

(c) There was no loss of life or property.

Grass root refineries

1251. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state what are the details of proposals for expanding grass root refineries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : There are praposals to expand existing refineries at Koyali, Barauni, Cochin, Digboi, Bongaigaon, Madras and Guwahati. These proposals are in various stages of approval/implementation.

Dealership for LPG etc.

1252. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have discontinued the distribution of dealership for LPG and petroleum products;

(b) whether Government have stayed/withiheld the implementation of some letter of intent issued earlier from the the discretionary quota ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) if not, the number of letters of intents issued during January-June, 1991 and honoured so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) For a review of such allotments.

(d) Question does not arise.